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MEMORANDUM

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To: Lynnwood City Council
✓ Lynnwood Planning Commission

CC: Mayor Don Gough
David Osaki, Community Development

From: John E. Galt, Hearing Examiner 

Date: January 4, 2011

Subject: Annual Report for 2010

The Lynnwood Municipal Code provides for an annual report from the Hearing Examiner to the City Council and Planning Commission:

The Examiner shall report in writing to and meet with the Planning Commission and City Council at least annually for the purpose of reviewing the administration of the land use policies and regulatory ordinances, and any amendments to City ordinances or other policies or procedures which would improve the performance of the Examiner process. Such report shall include a summary of the Examiner's decisions since the last report.

[LMC 2.22.170] This Report covers the cases which I decided during 2010. The report is divided into two parts: Hearing Activity and Discussion of Issues. I am available to meet at a time of mutual convenience with Council and/or Planning Commission at your request.

Hearing Activity

2010 was an exceptionally slow year as far as land development entitlement applications was concerned. This slowness affected not just Lynnwood, but all of the Central Puget Sound jurisdictions for whom I provide hearing examiner services. I decided only five land use applications during 2009, all of which were heard in the first half of the year. Each case is listed on the attached table in chronological order of hearing. Abbreviations are hopefully self-explanatory.

By comparison, I decided nine cases in 2009, five in 2008, 17 in 2007, seven in 2006, 16 in 2005, three in 2004, 11 in 2003, and 20 in 2002.

Discussion of Issues

None of the cases heard last year raised any notable code issues.

LYNNWOOD
HEARING EXAMINER DECISIONS: 2010

File Number	Applicant Name Project Name	Case Type Acreage No. of Lots	Decision Reconsideration Action	Decision Date Reconsideration Date
2005PLT0003	Frank Gillen <i>Hall Lake East</i>	Pre Plt 10.50 25.00	OKw/c	02/10/2010
2010VAR0001	Rolando & Cynthia Yen	Var .10	OKw/c	05/17/2010
2010CUP0001	Lynnwood Parks & Recreation <i>Rec center monument sign</i>	CUP	OKw/c	05/18/2010
2006VAR0001	Kevin Gillen	Var 2nd Ext	OKw/c	06/25/2010
2006VAR0002	Kevin Gillen	Var 2nd Ext	OKw/c	06/25/2010